#### THE DNR MISSION



The Department of Natural Resources preserves, protects, enhances and restores Maryland's natural resources for the wise use and enjoyment of all citizens.

#### THE NRP MISSION

The Maryland Natural Resources Police serve as a public safety agency with statewide authority to enforce conservation, boating, and criminal laws, as well as to provide primary law enforcement services for Maryland's state parks, state forests, and public lands owned and managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The agency is also responsible for maritime and rural search and rescue, and is designated as the state's lead agency for homeland security on Maryland waters; and in all of its operations and activities strives to provide superior service to all of Maryland's citizens and visitors who enjoy the state's natural resources.



Maryland Natural Resources Police
TFAC Meeting
Tawes State Office Building
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012
Report Period: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### **General Tidal Fish**

### **Recreational:**

CH CO – 1 citation issued to a subject with river herring and 2 fish seized

WO CO – 1 citation for undersize Tautog

**Commercial:** 

DO CO – Officers are investigating a theft of eel pots

# **Striped Bass**

Recreational:	
AA CO	− 1 citation and 3 warnings issued for SB violations on Patapsco River.
CH CO	- 2 subjects charged with possession of SB closed season (2 fish seized)
DO CO	– 1 Citation issued for SB closed season on the Bill Burton Fishing Pier
HA CO	- 3 subjects charged with possession of SB in the Susquehanna Catch & Release area (5
	citations issued and 16 SB seized)
QA CO	– 7 Citations issued for possession of SB at the Kent Narrows Bridge.
SO CO	- 2 citations issued for possession of SB closed season. Fish were seized
WI CO	– 4 citations issued for possession of SB closed season
Commercial:	
AA CO	- 2 citations issued for 1 anchored gill net and undersized SB in the Patapsco River.
	- Two watermen charged with unattended nets and SB violations
BA CO	- 1 citation for unmarked net on a vessel harvesting SB
DO CO	– SB Audit at Russell Hall Seafood- 1 citation, 1 warning, 13 waterman checked.
НО СО	- 3 citations issued for failing to keep SB tags w/ the fillets.

#### Oysters & Clams

Recreational: - None

## **Commercial:**

AA CO – Annapolis Seafood was sited for 13% undersized oysters

DO CO – 4 citations issued to two vessels diving in a hand tong only area in the Little Choptank

River.

- 2 citations issued for dredging in a hand tong area only
- 1 citation for 14% undersize oysters.
- 4 citations issued for exceeding daily limit of SB during audit at Russell Hall Seafood.
- HO CO Seafood Dealers at the Jessup Market were issued 4 citations for possession of unculled oysters
- SO CO 2 citations and 4 warnings issued for taking oysters off oyster bar off Pond Point.
  - Officers served a commercial waterman with a summary suspension letter of his Commercial privileges
  - 1 citation for undersized oysters
  - 1 citation for an oyster buy ticket violation
- TA CO  $-6\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of oysters seized and returned to water after person apprehended for Dredging at the mouth of the Tred Avon River.
  - 2 juveniles apprehended oystering in a restricted area in Broad Cr. Charges pending.
  - − 2 citations issued at Harrison's Seafood in Tilghman Island − 1 for undersize oysters and 1 for failure to measure oysters in approved container.
  - 1 citation for 25% undersize oysters
  - 1 citation for oystering without a license and 1 for undersize oysters
  - 2 citations issued for undersize oysters
- WI CO 5 Commercial Fishermen charged with oystering on a sanctuary (7 citations)
- SM CO -2 citations issued for oystering on a sanctuary

### Crabs

## Recreational:

DO CO — 1 citation and 1 warning for undersized crabs at the Blackwater Bridge.

-1 warning issued for recreational crabbing during closed season.

WO CO – 1 citation issued for illegally set crab pots.

## **Commercial:**

DO CO – 24 crab pots were seized after being found in a restricted area, closed season and

unmarked

- 9 crab pots seized for being unmarked and in a restricted area

SO CO – 3 citations issued for Bank Trap violations

SM CO – 3 illegally set crab pots were seized.

### Non Tidal

### **Recreational:**

AL CO – 2 citations issued for closed season trout

BA CO – 3 fishing citations issued at Jones Rd. area of Gunpowder Fall SP. (1 Alcohol Citation)

FR CO -1 closed season bass citation issued.

- Numerous citations issued on Fishing Grant - licenses, PFD's, CDS, boating.

GA CO – 1 citation issued for exceeding creel limit of trout at Rocky Gap State Park

- 3 citations issued for exceeding the creel limit of trout

– Numerous citations and warnings for closed season trout.

WA CO – 1 citation for closed season trout at Beaver Creek.

**Commercial:** - None